

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 128

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Thomas "Mark" Alderson of Clinton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Thomas "Mark" Alderson; and

WHEREAS, Mark Alderson was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Knoxville on June 13, 1957, Mark Alderson was the son of Tom and Carmetia Bennett Alderson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alderson was a firefighter and emergency medical technician with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory Fire Department for thirty-six years until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded gentleman, Mark Alderson also served his community as mayor of Anderson County and as a member of the Charter Commission and the County Commission for more than twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alderson was an active and devout member of First Baptist Church of Clinton, which he served faithfully for many years as a deacon; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mark Alderson enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of forty years, Kandi Shepherd Alderson; he was the proud father of Katie Phillips (Scott Page) and Johnathan Alderson (Erin Rogers); the devoted grandfather of Abby, Lucas, Zachary, and Eric; and the beloved son-in-law of Kathryn Shepherd; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, Mr. Alderson was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Kyle Shepherd; and

WHEREAS, Mark Alderson leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Thomas "Mark" Alderson, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Alderson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.